

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

5 forming a diffusion region by introducing an arsenic impurity into an element region of a silicon substrate, which is isolated by an element isolating insulation film, to a concentration of $1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ or more with a gate electrode formed over a gate insulating film being employed as a mask;

10 depositing nickel metal over the entire top surface of the silicon substrate;

heat-treating said silicon substrate having said nickel metal deposited thereon at a first temperature of less than 400°C while leaving said nickel metal 15 on the surface of said element isolating insulation film, thereby forming a nickel silicide film containing di-nickel silicide (Ni_2Si) on a surface of said the diffusion region;

removing an unreacted portion of said nickel metal 20 deposited on said element isolating insulation film;

heat-treating said silicon substrate having said unreacted nickel metal removed therefrom at a second temperature of 450°C or more, thereby forming a nickel monosilicide (NiSi) film having an arsenic compound 25 layer on a surface thereof;

etching away said arsenic compound layer by using an alkaline liquid;

depositing an interlayer insulating film over the entire top surface of said silicon substrate; and forming a wiring layer piercing through said interlayer insulating film.

5 2. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein said alkaline liquid comprises a mixed solution containing aqueous ammonia and aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

10 3. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein said alkaline liquid is a mixed solution containing choline and aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

15 4. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein said first temperature is 250°C or more.

5 5. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein said second temperature is 550°C or less.

20 6. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein heat-treating at said first temperature is performed for a period of less than five minutes.

25 7. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein heat-treating at said second temperature is performed for a period of less than five minutes.

8. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor

device according to claim 1, wherein depositing said interlayer insulating film and forming said wiring layer are performed at a temperature lower than said second temperature.

5 9. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein depositing said interlayer insulating film and forming said wiring layer are performed at a temperature of 500°C or less.

10 10. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

 forming a diffusion region by introducing arsenic impurity into an element region of a silicon substrate, which is isolated by an element isolating insulation film, to a concentration of $1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ or more with
15 a gate electrode formed over a gate insulating film being employed as a mask;

 depositing a metal film over the entire top surface of said silicon substrate;

20 heat-treating said silicon substrate having said metal film deposited thereon at a first temperature of less than 400°C while leaving said metal film on the surface of said element isolating insulation film, thereby forming a first metal silicide film on a surface of said diffusion region;

25 removing an unreacted portion of said metal film deposited on said element isolating insulation film;

 heat-treating said silicon substrate having said

unreacted metal film removed therefrom at a second temperature of 450°C or more, thereby forming a second metal silicide film having a arsenic compound layer on a surface thereof;

5 etching away said arsenic compound layer by using an alkaline liquid;

depositing an interlayer insulating film over the entire top surface of said silicon substrate; and

10 forming a wiring layer piercing through said interlayer insulating film.

11. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein said metal film is a nickel film, said first metal silicide is di-nickel silicide (Ni_2Si), and said second metal silicide is nickel monosilicide ($NiSi$).

12. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein said alkaline liquid comprises a mixed solution containing aqueous ammonia and aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

20 13. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein said alkaline liquid is a mixed solution containing choline and aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

25 14. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein said first temperature is 250°C or more.

15. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor

device according to claim 10, wherein said second temperature is 550°C or less.

16. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein heat-treating at 5 said first temperature is performed for a period of less than five minutes.

17. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein heat-treating at 10 said second temperature is performed for a period of less than five minutes.

18. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein depositing said interlayer insulating film and forming said wiring layer are performed at a temperature lower than said 15 second temperature.

19. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein depositing said interlayer insulating film and forming said wiring layer are performed at a temperature of 500°C or less.